

Hill's Drug Store
30-32 East Dover Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-13

The two story brick building, now occupied by Hill's Drug Store, is an unusually irregular and picturesque example of late nineteenth century commercial buildings. Although constructed as a double store, its central pediment gives a unified, almost ceremonial quality to the facade. The molded brick detailing and iron cresting on the roof are among the best remaining in the town. The building was constructed between 1877 and 1885.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hill's Drug Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

30-32 East Dover Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William C. Hill

Telephone #: 301-745-2861

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Royal Oak

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21662**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 032

Folio #: 052

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 29, 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This commercial structure stands on the south side of Dover Street facing north. Constructed as a double store, the building has a unified formal quality which gives it a presence and importance very unusual in a late nineteenth century commercial building.

The brick structure is five bays wide and about as deep as it is wide. An ell constructed in 1918 is found at the rear of the building. The main portion of the building is two stories in height, plus an attic; the ell is one tall story.

The surface of the structure is faced with the smooth-surfaced dark orange brick commonly used in late nineteenth century buildings; it is laid in common bond with narrow mortar joints. The facade is articulated with brick pilasters and molded brick details.

The building has a strong vertical quality. Pilasters are used at the corners of the facade and at both sides of the central, entrance bay. With corbelled bases, they are very strong elements and support pseudomachicolation enriched with bands of molded brick, and a wooden cornice with central pediment. Its tympanum is filled-in sunburst design in molded tin; tiny triangular modillion blocks with the same sunburst design surmounts the end pilasters. A cresting of iron is cast in a delicate flower-like design. A weather vane sets atop the pediment; cast iron finials rest on the corner blocks.

A belt course of diamond-shaped molded bricks marks the second floor line. The central window is round arched; between the top of this window and the pseudomachicolation is a section of bricks molded in a rosette pattern. Like this window, the other windows on the second floor have one over one sashes and narrow wooden trim; they, however, are segmentally arched. Other molded brick rosettes, used singly, are located between the windows, and embedded in the top and the mid-points of each pilaster.

The original first floor has been replaced with a modern store front. Its shingle-covered pent roof detracts from the delicacy of this delightful Victorian structure.

Inside the structure is modern. Window and door trim on the second floor is wide with symmetrical moldings; there is a central hall running the width of the structure. Although offices now occupy this floor, it was once used as apartments. Rooms have door trim with corner blocks decorated with shallow-carved flowers.

The deep rear addition is lighted with three skylights. Built to serve as a garage for an automobile dealer in 1918, it is reputedly the first building in the town constructed with heavy steel structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	Constructed between 1877 and 1885	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure is an unusually lively, picturesque commercial building of the late nineteenth century. Like #20 North Washington Street (T-407), it has interesting molded brick detailing. Its iron cresting is one of the few remaining in the town.

Remarkably intact - despite the inappropriate pent - it reminds us of the energetic, innovative, late nineteenth century and the expressive architecture it spawned.

Constructed between 1877 and 1885, the building was initially rented by a bank and a candy store.

L200/F339

L56/F346
L73/F78
L80/F469

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L225/F382

L220/F164

L243/F213

Hill's Drug Store has been owned by the William D. Hill family since 1945. "Doc Hill" is a fine pharmacist and his daughter is now following in his footsteps. This property has had a long and interesting history. As early as 1842, it was owned by James S. Shannahan. He sold a part of it in 1866 to Perry Stewart, who immediately turned it over to Christiana Hubbard. In 1874, a Benton Stebbins of Page County, Virginia, bought it for \$1800.00. Whatever earlier structure was on the lot was destroyed by the fire of 1878, that razed many fine buildings in this vicinity. The following year Mr. Garrison R. Collins bought it for \$650.00 and built the present structure, where he resided and later his son H. Elmer Collins resided for many years. In 1931, John Noble purchased the Collins building as well as an adjoining property he had acquired two years earlier from the Eastern Shore Auto Co., and together they comprised the first local beginnings of the Noble Ford Co. Today this is one of the largest on the Eastern Shore. The Company prospered from the start and soon outgrew its quarters. In 1938 Mrs. Mariette Tweedy bought it for investment purposes and it was sold from her estate to the present owners.

*History of Easton
George Carey and S. Elwood Patchett
Easton, Md. 1881
Gazette Office

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN	Easton	STATE Maryland 21601

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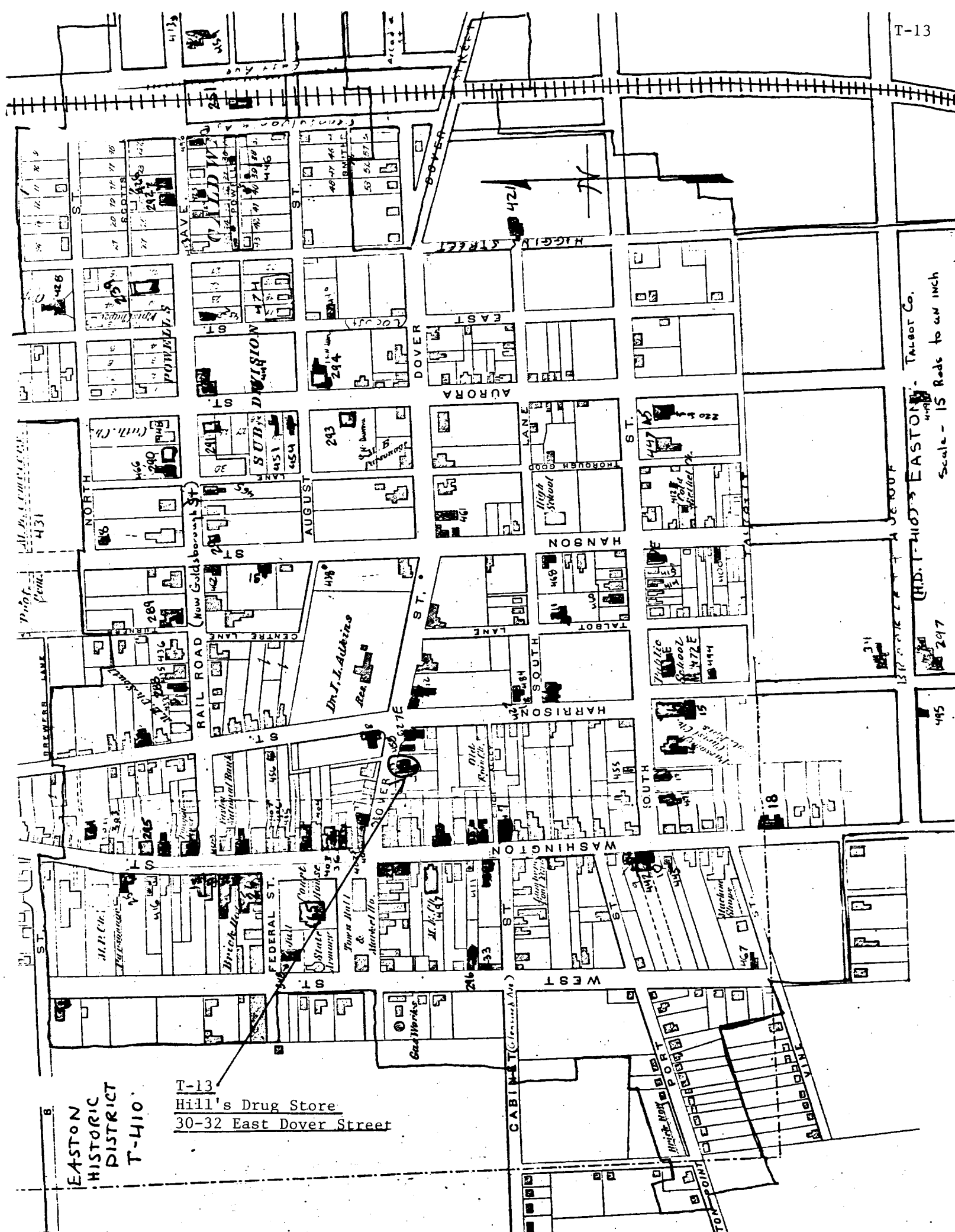
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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<p>1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. Dover Street</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Store PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE Hill's Pharmacy WALL CONSTRUCTION common bond brick NO. OF STORIES two</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME T-13</p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD c. 1885 STYLE Victorian Romanesque Commer- ARCHITECT /cial BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no</p> <p>This is an unusually attractive and imaginative example of Victorian commercial architecture. The use of molded bricks and an elaborate tin cornice all add to the freshness and vigor which this building radiates.</p> <p>The structure is 5 bays wide and about 5 bays deep and is constructed of the finished orange colored brick so common in Victorian construction. It has a flat roof which slopes slightly to the rear. At present the first floor is occupied by Hill's Pharmacy and it has been remodeled into a colonial facade. Between the 1st and 2nd floor there is a "belt course" of projecting diamond shaped bricks. The 2nd floor central bay projects slightly and has a round arched window with a section of flower decorated bricks above it. This central bay is framed by square brick pilasters, finished at their top and bottom with the diamond shaped protruding bricks. The 2 windows on either side of the central one are segmentally arched.</p> <p>At the roof line there is an elaborate cornice of brick brackets and flower decorated bricks. Above this is a tin cornice with large sunburst designs. Over the central bay is a false gable of tin with a large sunburst design. This is capped by a tall delicately wrought iron weather vane. A cast-iron fence runs along the roof line and ends at either end in a small wrought iron decorated post.</p> <p>The whole building is fanciful and delightful in its fresh and unclassical use of design.</p>	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior very good (1st floor altered)</p>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul A. Brinkman</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD August 29, 1967</p> </div> </div>	



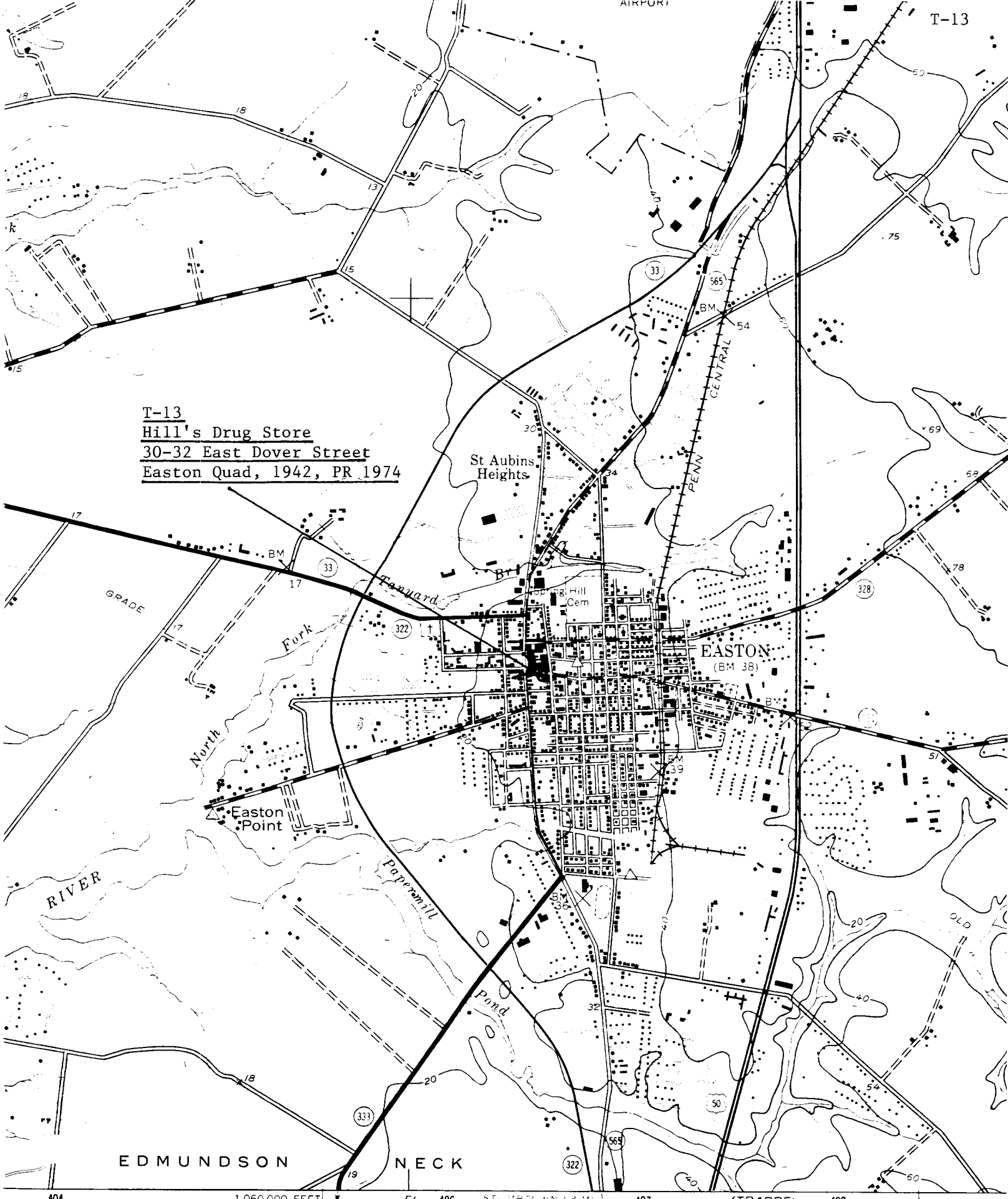
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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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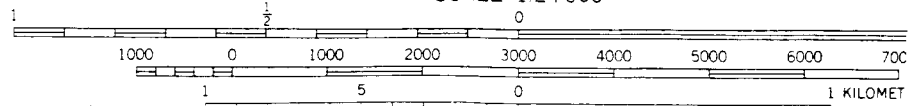
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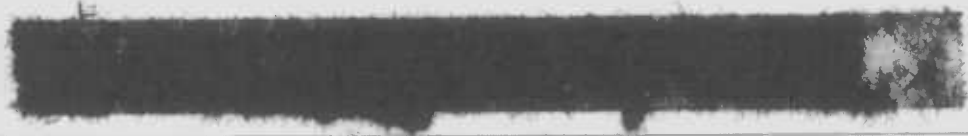
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30-32 POVER STREET
EASTON, MD.

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JOB # ~~55367~~ FOCUS ~~452~~
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